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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Representative Paul J. Kilday (D., Tex.),
Chairman, CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services

1. The Director and Legislative Counsel met for approximately half an hour with Representative Paul J. Kilday (D., Tex.) and Robert Smart who will act as Counsel to the Subcommittee. Mr. Kilday indicated that although there was no mention in the written House rules of the jurisdiction of the House Armed Services Committee over CIA, he had been informed by the Parliamentarian that they had "historical jurisdiction."

2. Mr. Kilday mentioned the approximate number of eleven resolutions for a Watchdog Committee in House Rules. In connection with this he stated the Speaker had received considerable pressure for action on these resolutions and had spoken to Mr. Kilday about this. Therefore, this reconstituted Subcommittee would function on an active basis. Mr. Kilday stated that it was not intended to conduct an investigation but there would be a continuing review.

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3. Mr. Kilday spoke of his own views which were generally adverse to the concepts of a Joint Committee. In particular he stated that no one in the House should favor a Joint Committee. He mentioned some of his experiences as a member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

4. Mr. Kilday mentioned one of the questions asked him by Howard Smith, Chairman of the Rules Committee, was how many employees the Agency had and, of course, Mr. Kilday did not know the answer. He spoke further of the great misunderstanding in the Congress of what the Agency does and what it does with intelligence and the evaluation and estimating process. He specifically mentioned the recent hearings before the House Armed Services Committee where Secretary McElroy and General Twining appeared and there was evidenced considerable lack of understanding of the

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National Estimates on which DOD relied. Mr. Kilday indicated there was considerable ignorance of the scope of the Agency's activities.

5. In connection with the Subcommittee's intention to consider the fiscal aspects, Mr. Dulles mentioned the desirability of Mr. Kilday discussing this with either Mr. Cannon or Mr. Mahon in view of their concern on appropriations figures for the Agency. Mr. Kilday did not respond to this but did not disagree when the Director stated subsequently he would take the matter up with either Mr. Cannon or Mr. Mahon. Mr. Kilday indicated as an idea that it might be extremely useful if it could be stated that the Subcommittee had in its files a report on a certain situation prior to its occurrence so that the Subcommittee could so state. In this connection he specifically mentioned the Iraq situation and whatever reports we might have had prior to the coup in Iraq.

6. There was then discussed part IV of the Staff Memorandum. It was generally agreed that very likely there would be three initial meetings to cover the items in part IV with the likelihood of at least meeting once a month thereafter. For the first meeting it was indicated the Agency would deal with the scope and functions of CIA referring to the law establishing the Agency. In addition there would be discussed the relationship of the Agency with other executive departments. At the second meeting it was indicated we might discuss the organization of the Agency in Washington and in the field.

7. Mr. Kilday suggested that any detailed agenda or other administrative arrangements dealing with security or other matters could be developed between Mr. Smart and the Director's representative.

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Excerpt from Staff Memo

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EXCERPT FROM STAFF MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CIA Subcommittee -- 86th Congress

IV. Suggested items to be covered in meeting between CIA and Subcommittee.

- 1. General discussion of scope and function of CIA.**
- 2. Discuss the manner, extent, etc. of CIA's coordination, estimation, and evaluation of intelligence information.**
- 3. Organization of CIA:**
 - (a) In Washington**
 - (b) In the field**
- 4. CIA personnel:**
 - (a) Numbers**
 - (b) Distribution -- continental vs. overseas**
 - (c) Civil Service vs. non-Civil Service**
 - (d) Administrative vs. operational**
- 5. Fiscal considerations:**
 - (a) Annual appropriations**
 - (b) Voucher vs. non-voucher funds**
 - (c) The extent to which funds are audited and by what agency.**
- 6. Specific operations of CIA**

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